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After Pay-Up Week has ended, why not have a Return-What-You-Have-Borrowed Week?

PROHIBITION'S ECONOMIC VALUE

With the campaign for prohibition comes the chief argument of the liquor traffic that an economic depression would result from state-wide or nation-wide prohibition.

The New York City Board of Health has shown by its statistics that in the five leading industries of the country, for every \$1,000,000 invested, the iron and steel industry employs 284 men; the paper and printing business, 367; the leather industry, 469; textiles, 578; lumber, 579. For every million dollars invested in the liquor traffic, seventy-seven men are employed. The fact that nearly three-fourths of the 62,920 persons employed in the liquor trade are mechanics, draymen and salesmen who could work as well in other industries goes to show that the abolition of the liquor traffic would not necessitate idleness for many workmen.

Statistics of Spokane, Wash., show that business there has increased from 5 to 35 per cent in a year of prohibition, and the increase is reported by the merchants to be chiefly in groceries and women's and children's clothes. This shows where the money that is being spent for drink would go when prohibition is established.

The injunction, "Love thy neighbor as thyself," evidently wasn't meant to cover those with neighbors who are aspirants for the bugle corps.

THE CHANGING THEATER

European slings and arrows against our new-world crudities have struck against a recent artistic defense. American cities, those strongholds of commercialism, are becoming estheticized; they are developing a cultural spirit of their own. Art, which has always been a matter of personality, has carried this element over into the city theater, and it is becoming a community affair.

The huge commercialized theater, which is a money-making proposition, declaring there was nothing in "high-brow" plays for the tired business man, has discovered to its surprise that perhaps, after all, it has made the business man tired. Now in most of our larger cities we have small independent theaters, which are putting on good plays, work of genuine artistic merit—and they are popular.

Acting is being freed from the old formulae of professionalism. Enthusiastic amateurs have given a new charm and freshness to theatrical conceptions, and the younger, untried and impecunious dramatist gets a hearing. It is another encouraging sign of the increasing self-consciousness of the citizen. We are beginning to know what we want, and get it.

There are four ways to settle international difficulties: Arbitrate; exchange ultimatums, then arbitrate; break off diplomatic relations, then arbitrate; engage in a destructive war for several years, and then arbitrate.

WHERE DO EXTREMES LEAD?

"Step aside, Herr Moderate, and permit me, Herr Extremist, to conduct the war which you have bungled." This is a fair interpretation which can be placed on the policy of Germany to wage unrestricted submarine warfare.

And the extremist is logically correct, though the policy will bring on Germany the odium of being ready to win by foul means or fair. The one advantage which an autocracy has over a democracy is swift movement. In order to win the war it has always been necessary for Germany to make swift, smashing drives to overcome the ineffectual, unprepared resistance of a slow-moving democracy.

The drive through Belgium was an example of such an attempt. Were it not for the determined resistance of the Belgians, the German drive would have ended in Paris, juggernaut-like, crushing any defense which the French could have made.

The unrestricted submarine warfare is another example of extremist warfare. The extremists in Germany have but one regret over the rape of Belgium. They are sorry that the attack was not strong enough. They are now determined to make no such mistake with their new weapon, the submarine.

It is well for Americans to remember however, that just as there was a strong party in Germany which was opposed to the devastation of Belgium, so is there a strong party against unrestricted use of submarines. The extremists in that country, the military caste, have got the upper hand. Should the extremists in this country will be too strong and erates, as the moderates were conquered in Germany, the United States will also be led to measures which will outrage the code of fair play.

It is to be hoped that the moderates in this country will be too strong and too cool-headed to be stampeded by the inflaming utterances of the extremists.

Faint heart never won a Democratic primary.

Millions for defense, but not one cent of tribute to Mars for aggression.

Americans who insist on looking into a German torpedo tube should expect to be "submerged."

THE OPEN COLUMN

A public forum for the discussion of things worth-while. Articles should be short and signed by the writer, as proof to the editor of good faith. Signatures will not necessarily be published.

For a Eugene Field Room.

Editor the Missourian: A great Indianapolis hotel has a Riley Room, and St. Louis is now agitating for a Mark Twain Room in a new hotel being constructed there. The last generation of Missouri literary men contains few more notable figures than that of Eugene Field, who laid the foundation for his subsequent fame during the years spent in Missouri and particularly at the University here.

A magnificent hotel is now being erected on Broadway. It is named in commemoration of the works and deeds of Daniel Boone, Missouri's pioneer and settler. Might not a Eugene Field Room in this structure have the same relation to Columbia life and literature as the Riley Room in Indianapolis or the Mark Twain Room in St. Louis? By placing a Eugene Field Room in the Daniel Boone Tavern, Columbia might represent two features of Missouri history—the period of the pioneer, Daniel Boone, who blazed the way for the man that followed, the man of letters, Eugene Field. If a suitable room couldn't be furnished in the new hotel building, the new University Library would be another appropriate place.

Columbia owes something to this literary man. He was a figure in the early life of the town and the University. Why not commemorate him with a Eugene Field Room in the new Daniel Boone Tavern? R.

Brains to Give Away.

Editor the Missourian: She wanted to be a teacher; so she spent four long years of study at the University. She expended at least \$1,500 for her education, and finally was graduated from one of the best schools of education in the United States. She was now prepared to devote her life to teaching.

She obtained a position in the Columbia schools because she knew the merits of the town and was reluctant to go into a strange community. She sold the results of her superior training and years of labor for—\$18 a week. If she remains here long enough, she may receive a few dollars more. The average salary of Columbia's women teachers, composing one of the best trained grade and high school faculties in the United States, is \$80 a month.

Miss Cornelia Crumbaugh, after devoting twenty-one years of her life to service on the underpaid faculty of the Columbia schools, was recently forced to resign her position as principal of Benton School because of ill health. She had consecrated her best to her work, converted a listless body of school children into a virile, ambitious lot who take supreme pride in their school. What was her reward other than the mere pleasure of doing? She had brains to give away.

According to Prof. J. D. Elliff, Columbia's teachers rank near the top in ability—near the bottom in remuneration. Step by step, the local school

system has advanced to the front rank in American education. The people have denied nothing which will advance the cause of learning. The next forward step should be an increase in the salaries of Columbia teachers.

NAVY BEFORE DEBT IN JAPAN

Appropriation for National Debt to be Used for More Warships.

TOKIO, Jan. 15 (by mail).—Expansion of the Japanese navy today is considered more important by the government than reduction of the country's national debt. This view was expressed here by Kazuyo Shoda, Minister of Finance. Shoda's statement came as an explanation and defense of the Teruchi ministry's announcement that beginning with the fiscal year of 1918-19 and continuing until Japan's seven-year naval program is finished, \$10,000,000 of the \$25,000,000 which the government had set aside for the annual redemption of the national debt will be used in the construction of warships.

The recent peace talk and its demoralization of the Tokio Stock Exchange has just given Japan a taste of what her condition will be after the war. Japan's new naval construction program calls for an appropriation of \$130,320,895. It is proposed to build three battleships of the super-dreadnaught type, two battle-cruisers and several light cruisers, destroyers, auxiliary vessels and submarines in the seven fiscal years beginning 1917-18. With the conclusion of this program the Japanese naval authorities will have realized their long-cherished ambition of establishing eight battleships and four battle-cruisers as the unit of the nation's fleet.

Announcement of this program, coming on the heels of the bill which will double the fighting capacity of the American fleet, has created great interest here. This interest has been considerably heightened by the contention of a large section of the Japanese press that the naval expansion of the United States is directed at Japan.

LITTLE THEATER A SUCCESS

Dramatic Club Hears of Coming Portmanteau Company.

The Dramatic Club of the University met Thursday night at the home of Prof. J. E. Wrench. O. V. Batson, president of the organization, spoke on the Portmanteau Theater and its success in other cities. "Everywhere it is well received," he said. "It proved popular in New York and has brought greater interest in the theater wherever it has been produced. It has played to many eastern college towns, and these towns are asking for it again with great enthusiasm. The Portmanteau Theater is a rare treat."

Robert Winternitz, who is one of the directors of the plays, spoke on arranging a schedule for rehearsing "The Silver Box."

Texas U. Will Play "Kid" Games.

AUSTIN, Tex., Feb. 13.—Sedate college professors and husky football warriors will join pretty coeds to-night in playing "ring-around-a-rosy," "pussy-wants-a-corner" and other more or less interesting "kid" games as part of the program of home economics week. The games will be given by the woman's physical training department of the University of Texas. Rural school teachers complain that one of the hardest things they are up against in training children is co-operative playing. It is said they fear modern children are losing the "art of playing." The professors, football players and coeds are going to show 'em how.

LEATHER MAY GO HIGHER STILL

W. H. Braselton Thinks Navigation Laws Partly to Blame for Prices.

What effect the present situation will have upon leather is not known, according to Walter H. Braselton, manager of the Columbia factory of the Hamilton-Brown Shoe Company. "There are so many ifs and ands and buts that not even the tanners know," he says. "Leather has been firm for the last month and the chances are, it will go still higher. Something like 25 per cent of our leather comes from Mexico, and that supply is shut off. South America shipped her leather to America through London and when it goes there now it stays."

Our navigation laws are partly to blame for this, Mr. Braselton thinks, for they are strict in many details, while those of foreign countries are more lax. For this reason, we have few ships and now that war has taken our foreign carriers, we are left in a lurch.

Incidentally, Mr. Braselton stated that the Hamilton-Brown Shoe Company had been awarded a contract by the Government for 50,000 pairs of shoes. This means something like a quarter of a million dollars, he says, but whether or not this branch of the company will fill the order is not yet known.

UNIVERSITY DEBATORS QUALIFY

Teams for Intercollegiate Work Will Be Chosen February 14.

The following students qualified for the University debating squad in the final try-out Thursday night: E. V. Abernathy, Perryville; Baxter B. Bond, Columbia; Bernard Hurwitz, Kansas City; Slade Kendrick, Mendon; H. P. Saunders, Columbia, and Glenn O. Young, Linneus.

From this group and also from the group that qualified in the try-outs before the holidays, the teams for the intercollegiate debates will be chosen tomorrow.

The debate with the University of Kansas to be held here will be on an industrial investigation similar to that embodied in the Canadian act. The debates with Oklahoma and Texas, the latter to be held here, will be on the single tax issue.

Special Students Visit Creameries.

W. B. Combs, with four special creamery students, returned Sunday from an inspection trip of up-to-date creameries at Macon and Moberly. The trip was to give the students some idea of modern management.

WABASH MARKET

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SPEAKERS FOR "Y" MEETING

President of Central College Will Give Address Here This Month.

Association meetings have supplemented the Monday Night Forum at the Y. M. C. A. J. S. Moore, general secretary of the Y. M. C. A., has arranged a number of these meetings for the second semester.

Prof. A. W. Taylor of the Bible College will speak next Monday night on "Is Patriotism a Crime?" February 19, Dr. J. W. Hudson of the philosophy department will repeat, at the request of Mr. Moore and a number of students, the lecture he gave during the first semester on "Immortality." Dr. Paul Lynn, president of Central College, Fayette, will be the speaker February 26. Doctor Lynn has not announced his subject. March 5, the Rev. W. C. Bittling, pastor of the Second Baptist Church of St. Louis, will address the meeting. Doctor Bittling has spoken frequently in Columbia.

Military Training at Michigan U.

The University of Michigan is to have military training after more than fifty years in which the question has been discussed, forgotten and discussed again. The board of agents has authorized President H. B. Hutchins to make application immediately to the Secretary of War for the detail of a United States army officer, to take the chair of military science in the university. The place is to be created for him.

Women to Hear Civil Service Talk.

Miss Rachel Holmes will talk on "Opportunities for Women in Civil Service" under the auspices of the vocational committee of the Association of Collegiate Alumnae at 4 o'clock Thursday afternoon in Room 220, Academic Hall.

KANSAS GETS VALUABLE FOSSIL

Court Awards an "18,000,000-Year-Old" Lizard to Lawrence School.

The University of Kansas will not have to pay a cent for what the court called an "18,000,000-year-old" lizard, although it is valued at \$2,500. This is the decision of a Kansas court in a suit brought by Peter L. Garrity against the Lawrence school, in which he sought to recover pay for a fossil lizard which scientists found on his farm. The court said he could not maintain an action against the board of administration of the university. The ancient lizard now reposes in the university's museum.

HAS LECTURED IN 16 STATES

Prof. C. H. Eckles Will Speak to 17th Farmers' Week Audience in March.

Prof. C. H. Eckles of the department of dairy husbandry of the University has lectured to farmers' week audiences in sixteen different states this year and will speak before another in March when he goes to Virginia to be on a program there.

Professor Eckles has just returned from Madison, Wis., where he gave two lectures on "Breeding for High Herd Efficiency" and "Growth and Development of Dairy Cattle" at the University of Wisconsin Farmers' Week.

Dr. Brown's House to Be Repaired.

Carpenters have begun to repair the house of Dr. W. H. Brown, 1106 Paquin street, which was damaged by fire January 11. The delay has been due to the inability of three insurance companies to reach an agreement.

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(It will cost \$2 to see this Theater in St. Louis Thursday)

Don't wait until the company has gone and then worry why you missed this opportunity to witness these unique productions.

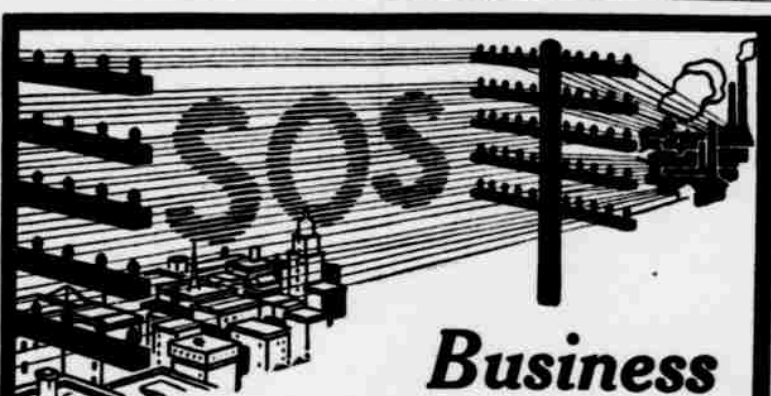
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